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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Justin Krause	3682

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Justin Krause.

(3) Ronald Faggetter.

(2) Thomas Hannon.

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Date of Interview: 16 May 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Miotto, Pernicka.

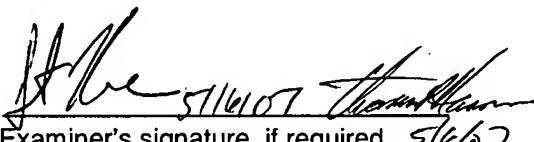
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented amendments to the claims for review, the amendments were discussed in light of the rejections set forth in the office action dated January 11, 2007. Applicant indicated that claims similar to the claims presented in the interview, subject to further search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Attention: Justin Krause, Examiner

Dear Mr. Krause:

Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/696,080
Applicant: Gerard J. Matern et al.
Title: SWITCHING APPARATUS

Claims for Discussion, Not to be Entered

Further to our telephone of May 9, 2007, hereinbelow I have set out two claims for discussion. Since these claims are not for entry in this application, this letter has not been signed. I look forward to your phone call on May 16 at 3 pm to discuss these claims. Thanks.

1. (currently amended) A chair adjustment mechanism, comprising:
 - a cam rotatably fixed on a horizontal pivot;
 - a vertically slidable bearing member having a surface engaging said cam and an opposite surface slidably engaging an abutment;
 - one of said pivot and said abutment being horizontally slidable;
 - a compression member arranged to bias said cam against said slidable bearing member, and said slidable bearing member against said abutment;

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wherein, one of said cam and said slidable bearing member includes a protuberance, and the other of said cam and said slidable bearing member includes a corresponding indentation which forms a perpetual join with said protuberance.

23. (currently amended) A chair adjustment mechanism comprising:

a cam rotatable cam;

between a first limit stop defining a first rotational limit of said cam position and a second position limit stop defining a second rotational limit of said cam;

a slidable bearing member perpetually bearing against said cam;

one of said cam and said slidable bearing member having a protuberance, and the other of said cam and said slidable bearing member having a corresponding indentation;

a join between said cam and said slidable bearing member maintained for all positions of said cam sliding in a direction such that, due to said join, rotation of when said cam is at said first rotational limit or said second rotational limit, and when said cam is between said first position rotational limit and said second position rotational limit, translates said bearing member said protuberance extends within said indentation.

Yours very truly,

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